

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING NETWORK RESOURCES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A processing device displays a physical network topology associated with a storage area network on a display screen. The physical network topology generated by the processing device includes identification of at least one switch resource that supports connectivity among resources in a corresponding storage area network. The processing device typically receives input from a user to display at least one virtual network

10 associated with the storage area network. In response to receiving the input, the processing device displays a virtual network topology associated with the selected at least one virtual network in relation to the physical network topology on the display screen. Displaying the virtual network topology in relation to the physically network topology provides a unique view for the network manager to identify network resources in physical

15 fabric associated with a selected virtual storage area network.